

SANTA CLARA COUNTY

C A L I F O R N I A

April 22, 2015

Honorable Jim Beall  
Member, California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 2209  
Sacramento, CA 95814

*Facsimile (916) 651-4915*

**RE: SB 16 (Beall). Transportation Funding (as amended April 15, 2015)  
Notice of Support**

Dear Senator Beall:

The City of Santa Clara supports Senate Bill 16 (SB16), which would provide much needed funding to the state and local roadway system over a period of five years to address the overwhelming backlog of preservation and maintenance.

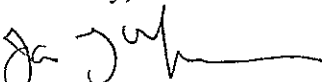
Our local streets and roads we all rely on are literally crumbling beneath our feet. The conditions are getting so bad that if California doesn't commit to prioritizing funding to fix them, we could be facing a catastrophe. Without this additional funding, 25% of local streets and roads will be in failed condition in a very short 10 years.

If regular maintenance is neglected, the costs of repairs increase exponentially. Senate Bill 16 would expressly address the backlog of maintenance needs, and is estimated to generate between \$2.8 and \$3.6 billion annually. In addition, five percent of the revenues would be set aside to incentivize counties currently without a local transportation funding measure to approve such a measure.

The Pavement Condition Index in the City of Santa Clara has dropped from 84 to an average of 72 over the last 10 years. The City has been aggressively seeking state and federal funding which has not been enough to meet all the needs. The City continues to spend its general funds and gas tax funds, however, the needs continue to rise. The additional \$2.8 to \$3.1 million through SB 16 will go a long ways towards meeting the ongoing pavement repair needs in the City of Santa Clara.

I cannot stress enough the importance of acting on the transportation funding shortfall. Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue. For these reasons, the City of Santa Clara supports SB 16 (Beall).

Sincerely,

  
Jamie L. Matthews  
Mayor

cc: Senator Bob Wieckowski  
Assembly Member Kansen Chu  
Meg Desmond, League of California Cities (*via email*)



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